

REMARKS

Applicants amended Claim 13 and 34, as detailed above. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to any subject matter cancelled herein.

35 U.S.C § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.) Rejection of Claims 7, 9, 13, 33-35 and 37-38.

The Examiner rejected Claims 7, 9, 13, 33-35 and 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.), contending that the specification is not enabling, because the specification does not provide information for one skilled in the art to "prevent" MED in patients that are not suffering from MED.

Applicants amended Claim 13, adding the phrase "in need thereof" to clarify that the human or animal is in need of treatment and/or prevention of MED. Applicants believe this amendment obviates the 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.) rejection. Accordingly, Claims 7, 9, 13, 33-35, 37 and 38 are in a condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.) Rejection of Claims 34-35 and 37-38.

The Examiner rejected Claims 34-35 and 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.), contending that the specification is not enabling for the agents disclosed in the instant specification. Applicants amended Claim 34 to limit the secondary agents to PDE inhibitors. Applicants believe this amendment obviates the 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.) rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 7, 9, 13, 33-35, 37 and 38 are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein above, and consideration of the remarks above.

Respectfully submitted,

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